के संबंध में 1990 में गठित कार्यदल की सिफारिशों के अनुसरण में सरकार द्वारा देश में भूमि सुधार एवं भवन-निर्माण सामग्री से संबंधित क्षेत्रों का पता लगाया गया है जहां उड़न राख के समुपयोजन की संभावना है और इसे प्रोत्साहित किया जाना चाहिए। उड़न राख समुपयोजन को प्रोत्साहित किए जाने संबंधी कार्य के लिए शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के नियंत्रणाधीन बिल्डिंग मैटीरिल्स एण्ड टैक्नोलाजी प्रमोशन काउंसिल को नोडल एजेंसी बनाया गया है। उड़न राख आधारित भवन-निर्माण सामग्री के निर्माताओं के लिए वर्ष 1991-92 एवं 1992-93 के दौरान उत्पाद-शुल्क एवं सीमा-शुल्क में छूट दी गई है। केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग द्वारा अपने निर्माण कार्यों में प्रयुक्त किए जाने हेतु "फ्ले फ्लाई ऐश ब्रिक" के संबंध में विशिष्टियां तैयार की गई हैं। हाल ही में घोषित राष्ट्रीय भवन-निर्माण नीति (नेशनल हाउसिंग पालिसी) में भी उड़न राख पर आधारित कम लागत वाली भवन-निर्माण सामग्री के उपभोग पर काफी बल दिया गया है। केन्द्रीय विद्युत अनुसंधान संस्थान द्वारा भी उड़न राख पर आधारित प्रोटो-टाइप टाइल का विकास किया गया है। सरकार को आशा है कि ऊपर उल्लिखित उपायों के फलस्वरूप, देश में उड़न राख समुपयोजन संबंधी स्थिति में सुधार होगा।

U. S. Investment in India's Power Sector

2057. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1270 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether U.S. companies which have shown, interest in investing in India's power sector have put forward any terms and conditions for investing in power generation in the country?

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to such proposals and their terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A number of US Companies have shown interest in investing in India's power sector.

(b) and (c) They have been advised to finalise the detailed terms and conditions with the concerned state Governments/State Electricity Boards.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunication)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunication):—

(i) G.S.R. No. 543(E), dated the 21st May, 1992, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 1992.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 587(E), dated the 10th June, 1992, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Third Amendment) Rules, 1992. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2305/92]

Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in respect of Hindustan Latex Limited

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): Madam, I lay on the Table, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India—Union Government [No.

[Shrimati D. K. Tharadevi Siddhartha]

16 (Commercial) of 1991] in respect of Hindustant Latex Limited. [Placed in Library *See* No. LT-2355/92]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification S.O. No. 317(E), dated the 7th May, 1992, publishing the Coinage (Standard eight and Remedy of the one rupee coins containing Copper 75 per cent and Nickel 25 per cent) coined (in commemoration of Shri Rajiv Gandhi). Rules, 1992. under sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Coinage Act, 1906. [Placed in Library See No. LT-2319/92]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 495(E), dated the 14th May, 1992, publishing the Central Excise (Fourth Amendment) Rules. 1992.

(2) G.S.R. No. 496(E). dated the 14th May, 1992, rescinding the Notification Nos, 11/88-Central Excise dated the 15th April, 1988, 299/79-Central Excise dated the 8th December, 1979, 24/83-Central Excise dated the 11th February. 1983. 305/77-Central Excise dated the 5th November, 1977, 127/87 Central Excise dated the 29th April, 1987 and 260/76-Central Excise dated the 7th October, 1976.

(3) G.S.R. No. 497(E), dated th 14th May, 1992 exempting persons who manufacture goods specified in the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985, from the operation of rule 174 of the Central Excise Rules. 1944.

(4) G.S.R. No. 498(E). dated the 14th May, 1992, exempting persons engaged in processing cotton fabrics without the aid of power or steam falling within Chapter 52 of the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985, from the operation of rule 174 of the Central Excise Rules, 1945.

(5) G.S.R. No. 499(E), dated the 11th May, 1992, exempting from the operation of rule 174 of the Central Excise Rules, 1944, all persons manufacturing excisable goods.

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 549(E), dated the 22nd May. 1992. amending Notification No. 175/86-Central Excise so as to extend the benefit to unregistered small scale unit.

(2) G.S.R. No. 590(E), dated the 11th June, 1992, superseding Notification No. 220/886-Central Excise so as to extend the full exemption from excise duty available to specified goods such as jigs and fixtures.

(3) G.S.R. No. 594(E) dated the 17th June, 1992, amending Notification No. 162/86-Central Excises so as to change the description of goods falling under heading No. 87.02.

(4) G.S.R. No. 595(E). dated the 17th June. 1992, seeking to exempt from payment of excise duty the goods manufactured by job workers on behalf of Public Sector Undertaking, to be supplied to the Ministry of Defence for Official purposes.